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Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the examination of this application, for the allowance of claims 73-78, and for the allowability of claims 29-32 and 42-45. The claims have been amended to place this application in a condition for allowance. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 19-24, 26, 28, 30-38, 40-45, and 60-87 remain in the case. Claims 25, 27, 29, 40, 42, and 46-59 are cancelled by this amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-16, 22, 23, 25-28, 33-38, 40, 41, 46-49, 51-53, 55-57, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 68, and 69 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 3,861,315 to Rypinski. Claims 24, 54, and 58 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rypinski '315. Claims 7-10, 19-21, 62-64, 71, and 72 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rypinski '315 in view of US Patent No. 468,110 to Hunt. Claims 61, 67, and 70 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rypinski '315 in view of US Patent No. 5,381,737 to Trenary. Claims 29-32 and 42-45 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but were felt to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 73-87 are allowed.

Features of allowable claim 29 and intervening claims 25 and 27 are illustrated with reference to the specification as originally filed making reference to FIG. 10A, by

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way of example, describe the suspension member (54) including a first support (80) at a proximal end thereof carried by the chassis (22) and a linking arm (82) connected between the car body (20) and the first support (80), wherein the linking arm (82) includes an arcuate member (98) rotatably operable with a surface (100) of the first support (80) and a bracket (102) having a proximal end (104) operable with the arcuate member (98) and a distal end (106) affixed to the car body (20).

Features of allowable claim 32 and intervening claims 25+27 are illustrated with reference to the specification as originally filed making reference to FIG. 12A, by way of example, are described as the suspension member (54) may removably suspend the car body (20) from the chassis (22), the suspension member (54) having a proximal end operable with the chassis (22) and an opposing distal end connected to the car body (20), wherein the suspension member (54) includes a first support (80) carried by the chassis (22) and a linking arm (82) connected between the car body (20) and the first support (80), the linking arm (82) including at least one of a spring (108), a piston, and a combination thereof.

With the allowable features identified above, the claims have been amended to place this application in a condition for allowance. Independent claims 1, 11, 60, and 68 are herein amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 25, 27, and 29 generally described as the suspension member having a first support at a proximal end thereof carried by the carrying vehicle and a linking arm connected between the car

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body and the first support, wherein the linking arm includes an arcuate member rotatably operable with a surface of the first support and a bracket having a proximal end operable with the arcuate member and a distal end affixed to the car body. In a similar manner, Independent claim 38 is amended to include intervening dependent claim 40 and the allowable subject matter of claim 42. Dependent claims have been amended to appropriately depend from base claims. Allowable dependent claim 32 is amended to include the base claim 11 and intervening dependent claims 25 and 16, and is now written as independent claim 32.

Respectfully, while the claims in this application have been amended to place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. Budget and support for business activities require that the Applicants obtain an issued patent with the allowable subject matter. Amendments are herein made without prejudice against arguing patentability of previously filed amendments in a related continuing application.

With the independent claims now including allowable subject matter, their dependent claims adding yet further limitations, Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicants and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for the examination of this application and for reconsideration of the claims now in the case. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated

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through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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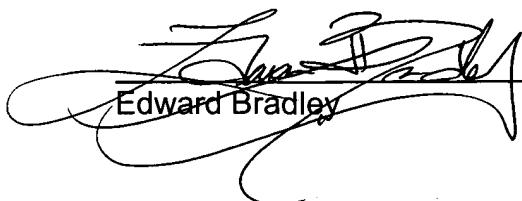
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